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UM FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS NEW VICE CHAIR, TRUSTEES

MISSOULA --

Penny Wagner Peabody of **Mercer Island, Wash.**, has been elected vice chair of The University of Montana Foundation Board of Trustees.

Peabody, who earned a bachelor's degree in 1961 and a master's degree in 1967, both from UM's School of Journalism, will complete the unexpired term of W. Bruce Cook. Cook, who was UM's 14th Rhodes Scholar and a 1957 history graduate, died in August after a horse accident.

During the board's October meeting, Deborah Doyle McWhinney of **Tiburon, Calif.**, also was named to complete Peabody's term as treasurer. McWhinney earned her 1977 degree in communication studies.

Arthur Brown of **Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**, is in his second year as board chair.

Six were elected to three-year terms as trustees: Robert F. Burke and Betty Stoick Lohn of **Missoula**; Gwen McLain Childs of **Big Timber**; Judith Blakely Morgan of **La Jolla, Calif.**; Donald L. Oliver of **Woodland Hills, Calif.**; and Everit A. Sliter of **Kalispell**. All are UM alumni.

The UM Foundation was established in 1951 to accept and manage private gifts to UM. Last year the foundation provided \$10.6 million for academic programs at the University, including instruction, research, outreach, scholarships, buildings and equipment.

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